the district and taluk headquarter hospitals in the Presidency, instead of salaried officers as at present, and establishing first-rate, up-to-date and well-equipped district and taluk headquarter hospitals ;

(b) whether such a scheme has ever been brought to the notice of the Government ; and

(c) if so, what was the decision of the Government thereon ?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*c*) The question of appointing honorary surgeons and physicians was considered by the Government in 1923 and it was then decided to introduce the system as an experimental measure in the several Government hospitals in Madras City. The Government have now decided to extend the system to the District Headquarter Hospitals and details of this are being worked out.

Alleged representation to abandon the opening of the Medical school proposed to be started at Guntur.

*1396 *Q.*—Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received representation from the people of Guntur not to abandon the opening of the medical school proposed to be started at Guntur ;

(*b*) whether the Government's attention has been drawn to the deputation of the Andhras that waited on the Surgeon-General when he visited Guntur, on the subject ;

(*c*) whether the Government intend to start the medical school at Guntur ; and

(*d*) whether there is a proposal on the part of the Government to close the medical school existing at Coimbatore which is doing useful work ?

A.—(*a*) A representation has been received from the Guntur Municipal Council.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The Government have not come to a final decision on the subject.

(*d*) No such proposal is at present under consideration.

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—" May I know whether there are any medical schools in the Telugu area ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" There was one at Vizagapatam ; there is none at present."

Fisheries

Bulletins issued by the Fisheries Department.

*1397 *Q.*—Mr. C. Gopala Menon : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of bulletins issued by the Fisheries Department since it was organized ; and

(*b*) the number of bulletins issued by the present Director of Fisheries excluding the Administration Reports ?